

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
LEARTIS FOOTE

Sunrise—October 25, 1926

Sunset—March 20, 2010



Service Held
Monday, March 29, 2010
11:00 AM
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary
455 24th Street, Richmond, California
Officiating
Rev. Raymond Spearman

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT - Ecclesiastics 3: 1-11

NEW TESTAMENT - John 14: 1-3

PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

Jean Cooper

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Cheryl Williams

OBITUARY READING

Cheryl Williams

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE HEART (2 Minutes Each – Please)

SONG OF PRAISE

Jean Cooper

SPOKEN WORD

Rev. Raymond Spearman

PARTING VIEW

Wilson & Kratzer Staff

THE RECESSIONAL

Active Pallbearers

Willie Roy

Kevin Cotton

Brian Smith

Jerry Caldwell

Joseph Taylor

Clarence Lendon

Honorary Pallbearers

Brian Johnson

Joseph Foote

Ronnie Foote

Branden Foote Pierce

Brian Johnson Jr.

Julius Stinson

Elgin Thomas

Isaac Woods

*Internment Olivet Memorial Park
Colma California*

Leartis Foote Obituary

Mrs. Leartis Foote was born on October 25, 1926 and was the 6 of 13 children born to the union of Daniel and Pinkie Hurd in Woodlawn Texas.

Leartis accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Woodlawn Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She attended school in Woodlawn, Texas and after completing Pemberton High School of Marshall, Texas she left Texas and began her journey in life and settled in San Francisco, California. There she met William Foote her husband of 64 years. This union was blessed with 5 children, Stephanie Joyce, Kathy Denise (deceased), William Ronald (deceased), Deanna Yvette and Danielle Yvette. She retired from the San Francisco City School System in 1975 after 18 years of dedicated service.

Leartis with her joyful laugh and humorous sayings always brighten your day. The most important things to her was her family and if you were a friend you was always welcomed into her family. Her hobbies were fishing, bowling, listening to music, traveling, and visiting Cache Creek.

Leartis leaves to celebrate her life her husband William Foote, her 3 daughters Stephanie Johnson, Deanna Foote and Danielle Thomas, son in law Elgin Thomas, grandchildren Brian Johnson, Joseph Foote, Branden Pierce, Briannah Pierce, Brittney Pierce, Ronnie Foote, Niah Thomas, Sydney Thomas and Kourtney Thomas,, grand daughter in law Toi Johnson, 4 great grandchildren Brian Johnson Jr., Brijé Johnson, Jolayjah Foote and Julius Stinson, 5 sisters, Gertrude Ewing, Herrese Dennis, Juanita Caldwell, Cyldie Cotton, and Constance Smith, 3 brothers Clyde Hurd, Edward Hurd and Billy Hurd, a brother in law Curtis Foote and a sister in law Louise Lendon. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, god children along with many, many friends throughout California, Marshall, Texas and Port Arthur, Texas.

Leartis will greatly be missed but never forgotten. She always told her family not to mourn or cry to long when the Lord calls her home, but to celebrate her legacy by continuing to care for family members and others, never forgetting who you are and the stock that you came from.

They say memories are golden, well maybe that is true.
 I never wanted memories, I only wanted you.
 A million times I needed you and a million times I've cried.
 If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
 In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still.
 In my heart you hold a place no one could ever fill.
 If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,
 I'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.
 Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
 But as God calls us one by one,
 the chain will link again.

Your Loving Husband,
 William.



A Mothers Day Prayer For You Mother

I pray that God up above may bless you
today with a heart full of love.

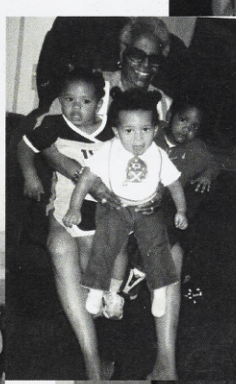
I pray that He will send an Angel to
walk by your side matching your pace
and guiding your stride.

I prayed today that you wear a smile on
your face whatever you do, wherever
you go, whatever the place.

I prayed today especially for you Mom
for blessings through and through.

I pray because it's Mothers Day, and to
us you are a blessing.

Love from your daughter
Deanna (Dini)



*As you slipped away I held you tight
and watched you sleep without a fight.
I closed your eyes and wiped a tear as I
whispered in your ear "I Love You
Mama with all my heart"*

*Your Daughter
Stephanie*



*Mommy, I wish I had more time to get to know and love you better. In the
small amount of time (13 years) I had with you, I learned to be a better
Father, Husband and Friend to many. Thank you so much for showing
me how to love people and not to let them push me around. I will always
carry you in my heart and on my arm.*

*Love your son in law
Elgin Thomas*

Dear Mama,

There aren't enough words to fully express my love and appreciation for you. You took on the responsibility of raising me. You taught and raised me to be the strong woman and mother I am today. You taught me to love, care for and respect others, but above all to be true to myself. So today I want to thank you. Thank you for raising me, teaching me, supporting me and yes even disciplining me when necessary. Thank you Mama for loving me with that strong deep unconditional love that only a mother can give. I thank God for blessing me with such a precious jewel for a mother I promise to keep and teach my children the life lessons you taught me, to always love and trust in God and to put HIM first, to laugh even if I want to cry, to stand up for what I believe is right, to live life to the fullest, but most important to stop worrying so much and to cross those bridges when I get to them. I love you forever and a day because you are 2 sweet 2 be 4 gotten.

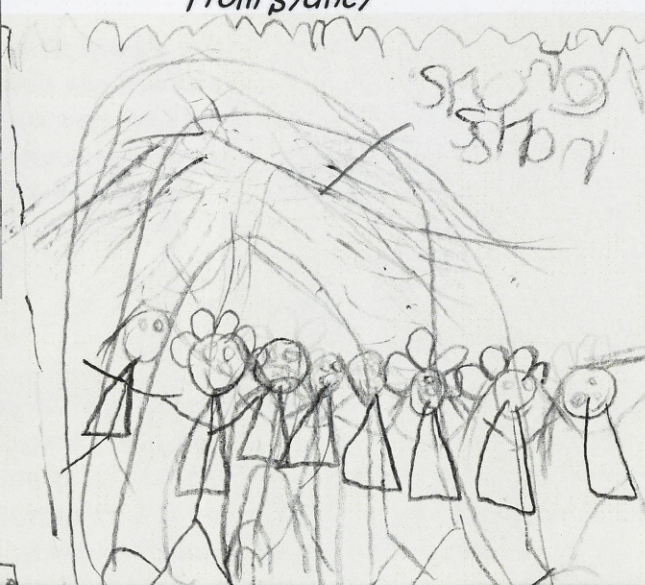
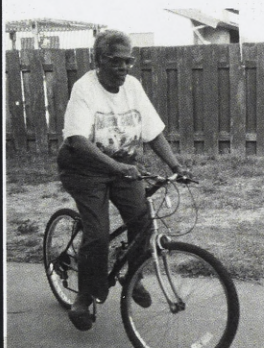
Love Always,
Danielle



Thank you for your helpful things you made, it made me so happy. I love you.
P.S. You are helpful a lot. Niah



Love you Grandma,
From Sydney



Missing you!!

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak of your name. Now all we have is memories, and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with we'll never part. God have in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

R.I.P. Granny I Love You !!

Briannah



A Sister's Love

*Our sister is a friend who helped us through
various times, her comforting words are worth
much more than dimes.
Sis you filled our lives with laughs and smiles,
our memories will last for miles and miles.*

*When she is by our side, the world is filled
with life, when she is not around, our days are
full of strife.*

*Our sister is a blessing, who filled our heart
with love, a sis who made us laugh and never
held a grudge.*

*So we'll miss you dear Sis but we knew you
needed your rest, so rest on dear Lee and
thank you for filling our hearts with good
loving memories.*

*Love from your
Brothers & Sisters*



SURROUNDING US WITH YOU

Although she died her heart and soul lives on,

So really she's not gone,

She is in the sun that rises in the east,

The breeze that blows on a cold winter day,

She is in the trees that offer us shade,

And the rain that falls on a cold winter day.

She is in the moon and stars that give us light when we are in the dark.

So when you feel alone and scared, remember that she is always here.

She is that presence we cannot see, but she has surrounded us with all of her.

Aunt Lee you might have lost the battle, but you have won your race. Our lives without you are never going to be the same. You are so special to us and we will never forget you. We thank you for the example of love, strength and unconditional giving that you gave. We will always remember and go on the direction that you set before us. Aunt Lee we love you so much and we will miss your presence here on earth. . .

Your Nieces Roshonda & Nicole Williams

Auntie Lee you hold a very special place in my heart. You taught me without saying a word, but don't get me wrong you did say a lot to me as I was growing up. You were the other mom in my life and you made sure that we never went without. Your home was my home and you treated me no different than your own. We had our laughs and personal jokes and whenever I saw you it was like I never left.

You taught and showed me the importance of being a strong woman, loving myself and others unconditionally. You showed me that our children should always be the most important thing in my life, and I so appreciate that. You constantly told us that we must never let our family (Hurd) love die, we must always be there for one another, even to your end you told me this.

Thank you auntie for the vacations you took me on, the fishing trips where you showed me how to catch a fish and gut them also, the children fashion shows you carried me to, thank you for teaching me not to be afraid and lets not forget the scoldings, but most of all thank you for loving and caring for me.

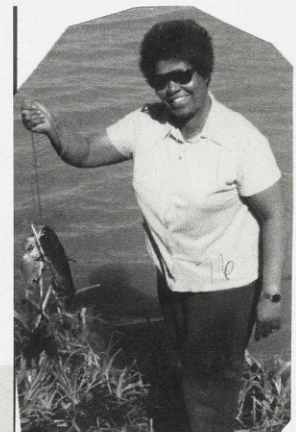
You are a legacy and one that will never be forgotten. I love you auntie and will miss you until we meet again in heaven.

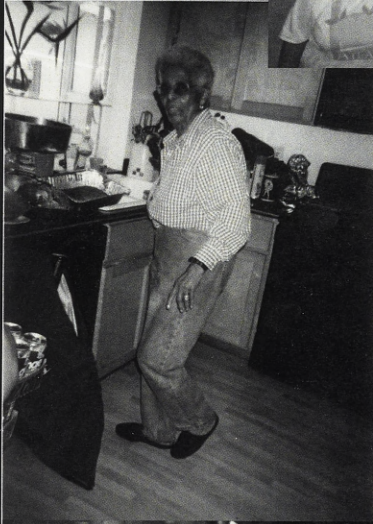
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Dear Auntie,

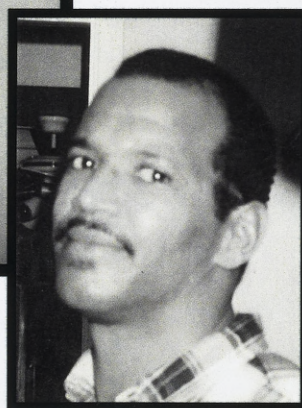
You were my aunt, my mother and my friend. Now you are a star shining beautiful and bright in God's Garden. I know tht you are in heaven smiling and watching over all of us. Thank you for being there for my family and me. You will be missed.

I love you,
Trease





TOGETHER
ONCE
AGAIN



Internment
Olivet Memorial Park
1601 Hillside Blvd., - Colma, Calif

24th Street toward Barrett Ave. (right turn)
Merge onto I-80 West (to Bay Bridge), which turns into US-101
Exit South San Francisco (left turn)
Go to Hillside Blvd. (turn right)
Olivet Memorial Park is on your right

Directions from Olivet Memorial Park
Repat is at Veterans Hall of El Sobrante
5216 Sobrante Avenue
El Sobrante, CA

Exit front gate of Olivet Memorial Park and turn left.
Go down to the next stop light and make a right on Serramonte Blvd.
Take Serramonte Blvd to US - 280 Fwy.
Take 280 Fwy to US 101 to Bay Bridge/Oakland
Take US 101 to I-80 toward Sacramento
Take El Portal Drive exit (turn right)
Turn Left onto San Pablo Dam Rd.
Turn Left onto Appian Way
Turn slight right onto Sobrante Avenue.
Look for balloons out in front and turn into driveway.

Until We Meet Again

*When dawn's first light turned into day.
Who knew an angel would soon call me away.
And though I didn't get the chance to say goodbye,
I leave you three things to help you get by.
I leave you COURAGE, that you might see your heart can rebuild a world without me.
I leave you FAITH, that you might believe the spirit will survive no matter how much we grieve.
And I leave you LOVE, to comfort you in its healing embrace until we met again in God's place.*



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The family would like to thank Ms. Frankie Williams and family for all of the love and support shown to us and being here with a helping hand and Aubrey Vegler and family for being available for us.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sung a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kind words a friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Perhaps you prepared some tasty food or maybe furnished a car. Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever was your part. May God forever bless each of you. The Family.

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